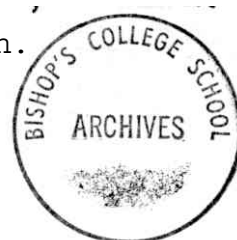


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There is a lazy snow drifting down on the playing fields and woods, obliterating the last traces of the footprints of the breakfast line from Chapman's House, and of the toboggan tracks of Preppers. The buildings are silent, save for the rustle of Ben's broom and the swish of Ted's mop. It is mid-holiday, and I am doing my customary tour of secretarial labour, while the world's workers take their leisure. In the circumstances there is no one to prevent my taking this third bulletin in hand myself : no editors, no reporters, no critics, no censors to emend or suppress, what a freedom of the press I might enjoy!

Looking back on the term it seems to have been much the same as other terms. Even the diversion of fagging energy from fagging-for-the-senior or fagging-for-the-School has been absorbed into custom and will soon be tradition. Prize-day, football, soccer, cadet corps, boxing creases, gym creases one-act plays, clubs, examinations, carol service : rain, mud, snow, zero weather, thaws, and ice-storms have come and gone just as usual. Nobody wants to work - I realize that - there's too much to think about in the outside world but most people are working, and working hard. Aside from odd jobs around the school which would otherwise be neglected through lack of paid labour, that is about all you can do when you are too young to be in the Air Force, or the Navy, or the Army. There was the same anxious question in the last war, " Will it last long enough for me to get into it ? "

There are 155 boys at the school. That is something which has not been mentioned before. About 40 of them are from overseas, with parents in England, Scotland, Palestine, Shanghai, Bangkok, India, Ceylon, and other parts of the Empire. Some of the original Britishers have already passed through the School and got their matric., but most of them are in the Prep., where they are swapping their pronunciation for our slang. The vocal effect is magnificent, but not English.



I don't know how many of you get the magazine. Even if you are a subscriber you can't be sure of getting it. One issue that we sent overseas was grabbed, in toto, by the censor. The B.C.S. list contained too much military information - quite by accident. In the last number of the magazine an attempt was made to bring the "war-book" up-to-date by the publication of all Old Boy names that had not been listed before. But at best, our list cannot hope to be complete. If you will write and give me news of Old Boys you have run across or heard of, it will be a great help.

A Xmas card came in from "Holy" Lord the other day. He's a P.O., married, out in the West. Jimmy Sare and George Cross seem to have the Mediterranean under control : Jack Cross steers a submarine. Hugh Doheny can't keep his boat away from Ireland. Hugh Norsworthy flies something pretty fast and tough : Peter Holt has got as far as E.Flying School. Guy Drummond has his wings, and Thornley Stoker pilots bombers over Germany. Hugh Blair, Hap Moreland, Herky Black are all Sgt. A.G.'s overseas. Sid Schafran is with 1st Bn. B.W. : Hugh Seton is a Sgt. Pilot in the West, Mac Hume a P.O. in the East : Harland Finley is another Sgt. Pilot instructor. Bill Shaughnessy, -, Hugh Mackenzie, Gib Stairs and Lester Tomlinson are with the C.A.C., (Bill is pretty sore because he's not old enough to go overseas yet.) Ed. Boothroyd and Brian McGreevy figured as prosecutor and defender in a D.C.M. the other day. Mac Stearns is GSO 3, Intelligence : John Taylor, Navy, flits about the Gulf : Harry Trenholme is not an admiral yet : Len Webster is P.O. in England : Vic. Whitehead has a brigade of infantry, and Pillans Whitehead a regiment of artillery. Frank Winser says the navy will be good enough for him for the rest of his life : Bob Mackay and Bill Molson gave up their commissions in order to get across. It is hard to keep track of the MacDougalls - Tommy and Gordon with the Lt. A.A., Peter at Hong-Kong, Bob's with the B.W. Tony MacTier has gone into

the Navy along with C.C.Love, Oggie Glass (Oggie is now the father of a daughter), and Donald Dodds. Peter Mcentyre is another sailor : so is John Churchill-Smith : Eric McCuaig, Ted Hugessen, Dave Seton, Bill Bishop and Henry Morgan joined the Air Force at the same time : John McGreevy was at Hong-Kong - no news of him yet : Bob McLernon with the Lt. A.A.; Nick Mercer with a battery overseas : P.T.Molson with the RCNVR : Stuart Molson is back and invalided out : Tom Molson an artillery captain : Phil Mowat is in the U.S. army : so is Herb Colditz : J.G.Neill is a Flight Lt. : Ian Ogilvie in the Navy : Bill Ogilvie with the C.A.C. : Pat Packard in the R.C.A.F. : Len Page in the Fleet Air Arm : Ken Paton, Fred Baldwin, Dick Grier, and Radley Walters with the Sher. Rgt.: Ross Patton, R.C.A.F.: John Patton in the Army : Gordon Powis, Tom Montgomery, Rich Peck and Dan Doheny are gunners : John and Charlie Price were both at Hong Kong along with others already mentioned and G.D. Johnston, Arnold Woodside and Ian Breakey : Colin Rankin is an Air Intelligence Liaison Officer overseas : Gordon has all instructional job with an E.F.T.S. : F.D. and J.F. Ross are at Hong-Kong : Harry has just got his wings after pulling out at the very top of a course : Philip Ross is in the Navy : masters on the staff of the school since war broke out and now in the services are : S. Cooper, C . C. Love, Oggie Glass, H.W. Ganong, and Jim Bredin, (who is now a prisoner of war): if the Reserve Army means anything to you, Eric Greenwood just about runs an O.T.C, Jack Porteous the Grens : F.R. Pattison commands a battery, C.G. McGrier a brigade. Ian Gillespie is a sailor, Don Grant in the Air Force and Curley in the Navy : M.K. Greene has a base depot in England : Ken Stuart, Andy MacNaughton and Sir George Cory are Lieutenant Generals. Peter Grier is in the Air Force : also Henry Grinstad. Bill Copeland , Warren Hale , Riley Hearne, Geoff Hess, Henry Holden (a master, omitted above), D.A. Johnston, J.K. Johnston, Bill Jones, Bob Kenny, Jim Kenny, Percy Leslie, Donald Lewis, H.F. Fricker, John Acer, W.S. Anderson, (he was in the Air Force in the last war) Mel. Bell, Rory Black, J.P. Buckley, Bill Carter,

George Clarke, Frank Dale, Phil Davis, H. deDomville.

There is a lot of 100% service among B.C.S. families : the four Davis's are overseas, the three Boswells, the three Doheny's : the three Clarkes ,in Army, Navy and Air Force make liaison easy : then there are three McLeods, umpteen Molsons and umpteen MacDougalls. We should like some news of : L.E. Baker, H.H. Benison, . Ron Bennett (overseas), Kingdon Black, Max Boulton, Malcolm Byers, Omen Carter (recently married), J.V. Casgrain, Bill Chadwick, W.D. Chambers (overseas), Lorne Clark, Rip Collins, Doug Cowans, M.H.A. Drury, J.W. Duncan, C.F. Falkenberg, George Findlay, Jim Fletcher, Lindsay Foss, Peter Hertzberg (overseas), Edgar Hill, Bill Howe (China Station), Harold Kennedy, John Kenny (overseas), G. Kingsmill, R.G. Kingston (overseas), Gordon Luther (Navy), Darcy Lynch (overseas) , Phil Mackenzie , Pinky McMaster, Libby McNeill, Henry Markey, John Meakins, Bob Moncel (overseas), Lyall Monk, Bob Montgomery, Bob Devlin, Jim McClure, Henry Langston, Jack Sheppard (overseas), Sewell Hubbard, Bob Packard, Con Porteous, Dick Porteous, Gordon Powis (overseas), H.H. Reade, J.C. Reid, Ernie Roach, Jim Routledge (overseas) , J.R. Simms, Paul Sise, Elliott Spafford, the Starkes, Don Stevens, Bill Stockwell, Campbell Stuart (overseas), Charlie Teakle.

The new term begins on January 12th. The hockey team, under Ian Sewell and coached by Jerry Wiggett, looks promising : perhaps the cup, which we have won three times in the past five years, will come back to us. War work has made Gilbert and Sullivan impossible, and there will be no "Gondoliers" this year. Instead, lots of work on the ski platoon.

A Happy New Year to B.C.S. overseas. (When are you going to hold a dinner ?)

C.G.M. Grier.